

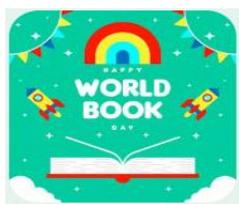


Important Dates:

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
February		
Fri 13th	All	Inset day – school closed.
Half Term	All	Holiday club being held at East Brent. Details were sent out last week. Contact Lymphsham office for more details -01934 750473.
Fri 27th	All	3pm - Family celebration assembly in the hall.
March		
Thurs 5 th	Ladybirds & Bumblebees	Swimming starts for all children in Reception to Year 2 for 5 weeks.
Fri 6 th	All	World Book Day – see below.
Thurs 24 th	Reception	Height and Weight checks in school. Opt out forms were sent home in January.
Mon 23 rd - Thurs 26 th	All school aged children	Parent consultation week- details to follow re times and dates for each class.
Fri 27th	All	3pm - Family celebration assembly in the hall.

Reminder: Please order your child's school lunch for after half term by next **Tuesday 11th February**. Orders received after this date will not be included in our numbers and you will need to provide a packed lunch from home for the first week after half term.

Swimming: Swimming starts on Thursday 5th March for all children in Ladybirds and Bumblebees. They will need to have a swimming bag with a one-piece swimsuit or swimming shorts plus goggles and a band to tie up any long hair if applicable.



World Book Day is fast approaching as is the opening of our school library. To celebrate please come to school dressed up as your favourite book character on **Friday 6th March**. We have a special visitor who will be opening our library on this day also.

Pre-School gate: Can anyone using this gate please ensure it is safely locked behind them when entering and leaving the site to ensure we are all kept safe.

Children arriving or leaving site outside of school hours: If you are arriving late or picking up your child early you must sign them in or out. We have had a few incidences of parents leaving their child at the gate to come in late who have not signed in.

Medical appointments: Where possible, please try and book these outside of school hours. We appreciate this is not always possible but thank you in advance for planning where possible.

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Our values
'Peace, Endurance, Aspiration, Respect, Love & Service'

Our Christian Value this term
'Hope - Aspiration'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Katie Whiting

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01278 760490 or email using the school email address: -

office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

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Attendance Round up

Ladybird Class: 97.8%

Bumblebee Class: 96.4%

Dragonfly Class: 96.3%

Whole School: 96.6%



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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